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4.	all rice and flour stores, except a certain number of rice and flour stores that the government had authorized to sell flour, were selling other foods instead of rice and flour. The restaurants and bakeries that needed flour were supplied with a fixed amount of flour equivalent to the amount they had used in preceding months.	25X1
	Comment. There have been numerous reports in recent months of food shortages in Communist China caused by poor crops	25X1
	and shipments of food products to other countries The Chinese Communists were rationing food in some areas of China.	25X1

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